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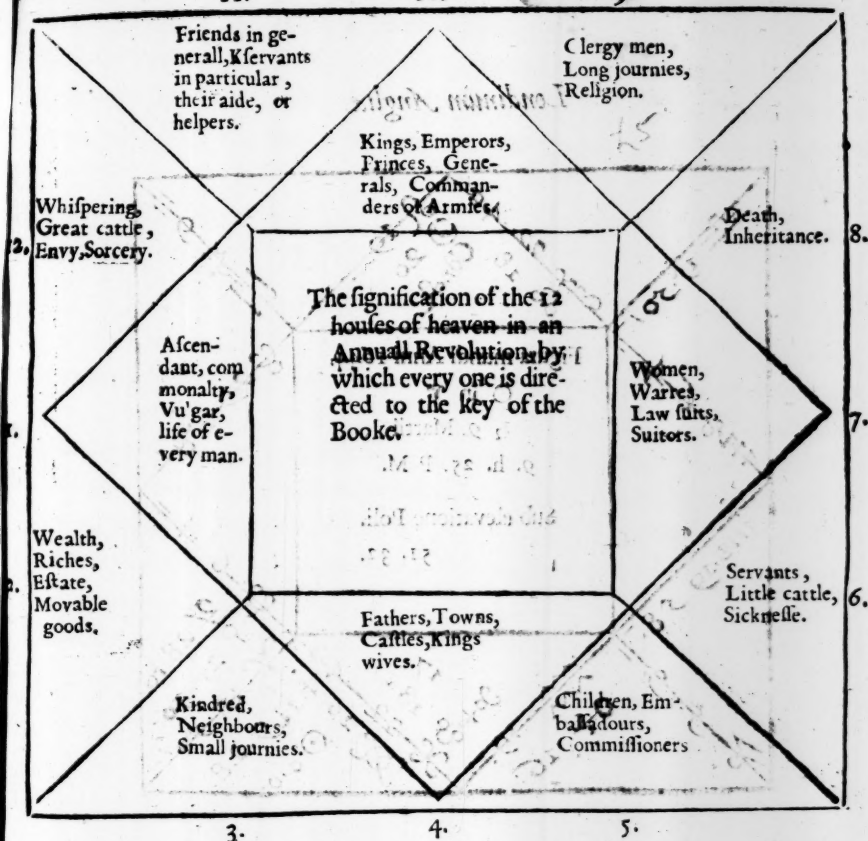
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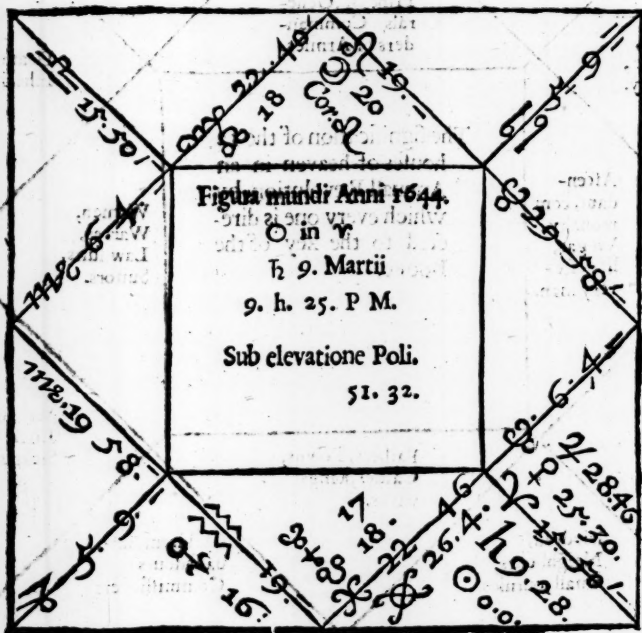
When I speake of the tenth house, I intend somewhat of Kings, or persons represented by that house, which is also called *Medium Cæli*, the mid heaven : When mention is made of the first house, Ascendant or Horoscope, I intend the Commonalty in generall : But as the case now stands, it represents our States convened at *Westminster*.

In istu radii exurgent aquora, & pulvis veterum renovabitur.

Dic : Et eris mihi magnus Apollo.

Pensa libra ex obliquo pendebunt, donec aries recurva cornua supponat.

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To the Reader.

IN Christmas last past, I was intreated by some friends to write my judgement upon this yeares Actions, 1644. the 6. of January I finished it; since which time divers Copies have been obtained from me; insomuch, that fearing some Copy might surreptitiously be printed: I have given leave to a Friend for this Impression. And whereas there are some moneths elapsed since its first writing, they that have any of my former Copies may perceive thereby, whether any materiall accident: have hapned, as by me predicted, and then expect the same verity from the succeeding Months, sith all the judgement was drawn from the same fountain of Learning. If this finde entertainment; thou mayest expect my Astrologicall Treatise of the ninth lesser Conjunction of *Saturne & Iupiter* 1642. 1643. which hitherto is not handled to any purpose by any man, or to the credit of Astrology; For most absurdly one wise man will have it *Planctarum maxima conjunctio*: another thinkes Christ second coming signified thereby; I am ashamed other Nations should see our errors, which was the onely cause why I set upon that taske: viz. the explanation of that conjunctionall influence; I cannot adde or diminish, it being finished above a year since: I am therein copious, and deliver to the world what I conceive of these our domestique Wars; when we may expect an end of them; and what I conceive of most Nations of Europe; there I handle the effects of the remainder of influence of the last Comet in 1618. the cause of these Wars from the heavenly Constellations, as also the nine precedent Conjunctions of *Saturne* and *Iupiter* in the watery Trygon, beginning in the time of Henry the sixth; as also the Conjunction of *Saturne* and *Iupiter* upon entrance of the fiery Trygon 1603. and since: If that Treatate please, I have also almost finished, *The Government of the World by the seven Planetary Angels under the severall Trygonicall Revolutions of Saturne and Iupiter*, even to this year, from the beginning of the world. A worke of that nature I confesse, that few have troade in the path, or given me any light, except *Abbat Tritemius*, who was notwithstanding mistaken grocely in his compute of time. If any Astrologer of this or any other Nation, carpe at any judgement in the subsequent Discourse, I offer to maintaine against one or all the verity thereof, according to the fundamentals of Astrology: and I shall take it as an especiall favour but to receive the precise dayes of the month of any materiall accident from any well wishing Gentleman or Souldier; the better to rectifie my judgement another time: And I desire all English and Scottish generous Spirits to passe by the errors and failings of this maiden Work (for error there will be) so shall you engage the younger Merline, who is not ashamed that his name is

William Lilly.

At the three Flower de Lucys nere
Somerset House, 1644.

In this second Edition, many obscure passages are cleared, and the whole discourse fitted to the capacity of the meanest: neither doth this impression complaine of obliuion, &c.

To any, or every man.

I Desire to be modestly and Christianly censured for Writing this subsequent discourse: Non quod falsa hominum judicia verear, sed ne quis inanium credulus obloquentium dictis ignorans de nobis scandalum summat omnia enim quæ scire unquam professus sum, cum Deo, & sine injuria fidei nostræ Christianæ scio, & judicatis sum; licet ex multis paucissimi queant inveniri, qui mysteria occultarum influentiarum Cœlestium intelligent.

Its far from my thoughts that there's any binding or inevitable necessity in what I predict by the radiation of heavenly bodies; the stars have no such unlimited laws, they are bounded, and give light to us, or some small glimpses of the great affaires God intends upon earth, but if We relie on our own judgement, without relation to the immediate rule & direction of his eternal providence, alas, how soone of wise men We become errant jocos and Ideots: I have ever loathed fatall necessity, supposed by Plotinus to be maintained by Ptolomy; certainly I do not remember any Astrological Writer, either Arabian, Greek, Jew or Latine, that maintaineth such an Atheisticall opinion. God created the Heavens, Sun, Moone, fixed stars for the benefit of man, and his own glory: If the Heathens, the Caldeans, Syrians, or some absurd Indians, and Egyptians abused this knowledge, and these Celestiall creatures; shall we Christians suffer, which modestly use, but no way abuse either the Planets or their influence. We use the light of the Sun beames, we make the Sun no God, no incense do We offer; the Moone lights our Wandrings in the night, and We are thankfull to God for it; by helpe of fixed stars We saila and performe many admirable secrets: By day I understand knowledge, by night ignorance: Jacob understood by the Sun, himself, being Master of the Family, by the moone his wife; by the 18. fixed stars a multitude, &c. This learning is ancient, and hath had society with Kings; its now despicable, it hath few favourers, and as few that understand it. I desire to be judged by those that apprehend something in Astrology, and not by the censorious criticall Asses, that beleeves no influence, scarce a heaven: It was folly in me to judge of any science, I was never acquainted with; hee's as much foole as Phormio that censures my labour, and knowes not what I Write of, nor the principles of that Art from which I draw my judgement; I beleeve God rules all by his divine Providence, and that the Stars by his permission are instruments whereby many contingent events may be foreseene as well in the generall accidents of the world, as in particular mens fates, yet so, as, Astra nullum impe-

imperium in mentes eorum habent, qui spiritu ambulant confidentes dominum Iesum Christum omnia in sua potestate habentem.

The discourse hath already found some friends, it must now expect a many enemies; I care not, I have avoided almost the termes of Art, that it might appeare plaine and easie to the meanest; it might have appeared in better termes four moneths sooner, had I intended to Print it. I conclude with that of Saint Augustine; Deus regit inferiora per superiora: The Planets and Stars are ministers not masters: Expect not that all accidents shall precisely happen to a day, or to a week; do we not first fit the ground, then sow, and after some expiration of time gather a crop: its impossible for the weaknesse of man at all times to hit the certaine day, or weeke of many accidents, some times we do, or very near, but not constantly: God keepes and reserves to himselfe many secrets, of which man hath no knowledge; he alters and changes times, seasons, and what he pleaseth, when, and where he will, so that we predict nothing, but with this limitation, the hand of Almighty God considered, or not impeding or preventing nature, for in his alone breast is all learning, science, knowledge, power and dominion for ever and ever.

To whom, &c.

W. L.

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THE ACCIDENTS BELONGING

In particular to ENGLAND, and generally
to many Countreys of Europe:

Astrologically handled for this present yeare, 1644.

BY W. L.



Intermeddle not with discourfing (in quo orbe magno sumus) or what Signe or Planet doth governe in that great Orbe, nor who is Divisor, or what figne is perfectionall of every Orbe; a taske too hard, and not to be performed in a Pamphlet: Nor do I fpeake any thing in this Difcourfe of the Conjunction of (a) Saturne and Jupiter 1643; nor of any precedent Eclipse, either

Solar or Lunar; nor of the influence of the last Comer we beheld in 1618. which is now strongly in operation in all or most places of this Kingdom; I hold my felfe meerly to the Ingreffe of the Sun into the first point of Aries, and according to that little knowledge I have, fend out into the world these enfuing lines. For,

Seeing fixed Signes poffeffe the Angles of the figure, at the time of the Sun his entrance into the Ram; I hold the pofiture of heaven erected for that moment of time, fufficient whereupon to ground my fucceeding judgement for the whole yeare, I am warrantd in fo doing by Guido Bonatus, fol. 527. *Quando Sol intrat Arietem, fi ascendens est signum fixum, illa revolutio continet in fe omnes quartas illius anni*: This is alfo the opinion of some that have commented upon Ptolomy; but Ptolomy himfelf who med-

(a) Permutatio Saturni & Jovis de triplicitate in triplicitatem, mutatio non fignificat regnorum & Sectarum, Efcuid. fol. 15.

The permutation of Saturn and Jupiter out of one triplicity into another, fignifies a change of Kingdoms and Sects.

led not with this manner of judgement, gave direction to erect foure Scheames for every yeare, for discovery of the seasons of the yeare, which he principally intended; viz. one Figure for the Vernall quarter upon the Sun his entrance of *Aries*: the second, upon the Sunnes ingresse into *Cancer*: the third, upon the Suns entrance into *Libra*; the fourth, when he entred *Capricorne*; the former words speake this English; When the Sun enters *Aries*, if the Signe ascending be fixed, that onely Revolution will serve to judge all the Quarters of the yeare by, of this opinion is *Ecnepoldus in Libro de Revolutionibus*; *Si ascendens in revolutione est fixum sufficit pro anno toto figura quam fecisti: si est commune fac duas, si est mobile fac quatuor*: If the ascendent in a revolution be fixed, it sufficeth for the whole yeare; if common, erect two figures; if moveable, make four: I conceive more might naturally be deduced from the former position, then is fit to be publicly knowne to the world, or for me to divulge.

If the rules of Astrology faile me not, or God Almighty cloud not my understanding, and so make me incapable of judgement, some more then ordinary action and accidents shall this yeare happen in our Clymate, which is England; and our neereft adjoyning neighbour Countries, which are *Scotland, Ireland, France, Denmarke, the United* (perhaps disjoynted) *Provinces*, as also in the Dominions of his Majelty of *Spaine, in Flanders, and Brabant*: The Celestiall Scheame it self is very strange, all the Angles being fixed, the Moone and *Mars* in fixed signes; the Sun, *Saturne, Venus* and *Jupiter* being all in the Equinoctiall and Cardinall signe *Aries* the ascendant of *England*, as if by this their position they pointed out we the English, should have action enough, and variety of it, &c. onely *Mercury* the father of lies and untruths, the signifier of Secretaries, Clerkes, Scribes, and dissembling Letters, and of scandalous Pamphlets, is in a Common signe, as if he intended all this whole yeare to vex us with flying reports, continuall fears, false alarums, untoward speeches, contradictory newes, lying messengers, and cozening Accomptants, Receivers, Treasurers, and the like, &c.

There doth succeed this ingresse of the Sun, two Conjunctions of *Mars* with *Saturne* and *Jupiter*, commonly called lesser Conjunctions; of both which I may occasionally speake, for in their seasons they will instrumentally put forward the actions decreed by Almighty God for this yeare. At the time of the Suns ingresse, I finde the Moone in the tenth house seperated from an opposition of *Mars*; *Accidunt rixa, mali rumores, dolores, mortes, effusiones sanguinis, falsa testimonia*: Bethem Apho. 37. The Moone seperated from *Mars*, we heare of brangling, ill rumours, sadnesse, death, the effusion of blood, false witnesses; she then applies to a trine

Trine aspect of *Venus* and *Jupiter*, which in the starry language tells us, that from New years day, untill our *Lady* day, there will be many hot Skirmishes, and much bloodshed in those unseasonable times of the year, and principally in the (c) North West parts of this Kingdom.

And these stirring actions may be produced, by reason that *Saturne* and *Mars* the 12. of *January* come to a Quadrate aspect, and *Mars* and *Jupiter* on the sixt of *February*: Now if these Quadrate aspects of the three superiors, do in these dirty times stirre up any hostility or action, what will they do about the latter end of *May*, in *June*, and *July*, when they meet in Conjunction? at those times expect to heare of war, slaughter of men, division, Towns besieged, some taken, some plandred, some relieved, &c.

The precedent aspects being in Cardinall signes, shew the actions of this winter to be greater, then may easily be conceived, and of greater (d) concernment then at present we imagine: yet after some sharpe stormes the deflection of the Moone from a Malignant Planet and aspect, to a milde fortune by a benigne trine, tells us of a seeming probability or willingness of the English to Accomodation of Peace (e) I meane of his Majesty and the Parliament.

And yet I cannot finde it more then a likelyhood of Unity, for that the Proposer of this Peace, or Proposers, the Articles, propositions or the like, which either are or shall be framed, and are signified by *Venus*, and *Jupiter*, who behold the tenth house, that representing Royalty, and so our Sovereigne and King with trine aspect, which is an aspect of love and affection: but I say, for as much as neither *Venus* or *Jupiter* do behold the ascendant, which hath signification of the publique State, or Parliament now residing.

I frame this Conjecture, that not onely they that shall frame these propositions, but the (f) Articles themselves shall have more in them, which may advance the Prerogative Royall, then the just priviledges of our Parliament, and the Subject, both which are signified by that which we call the ascendant of this revolution.

So that although in *February*, *March*, *April*, and *May*; and part of *June*, some Propositions or overtures for a Peace or Treaty may be made, yet without a miracle all Treaties end in (g) smoake and vapour; for it may be feared the Treaty is brought on to protract time, by those Courtiers, and others ill-affected to the publique State, that are signified by the tenth house, and wish not well to the Government of this Kingdom, they having hopes of forces from *Ireland*, in *April* and *May*, and from *France* in *July*, and other seasons, as also from *Denmarke* aide is expected, and

(c) This way fulfilled by the defeat the two brave Knights, Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, and Sir *William Breton*, gave to the Irish in the North-West of this Kingdom.

(d) This I conceive fulfilled by the access of the Scottish Army.

(e) I think it was in *February*, a Message came of peace from His Majesty.

(f) It was so conceived, by many.

(g) We have found it too true.

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from another's choice of better fame and quality, and therefore not so much mistrusted.

(b) We all know what distractions here was with the Independants, &c.
(i) Sir Green-vile, and others make this good.

If any beliefe or credit is to be attributed to annuall revolutions, nothing but (b) division, dissention, bloodshed, murther, backbiting, (i) treachery, poisoning, distraction, and factions will be at the Courts of Princes and elsewhere, each one mistrusting one another, many being faulty, and long ere any be discovered, murmuring secretly each at other, so that it may be feared God hath sent down into our English Court and Common wealth, that destructive and Martiall Angell, which incited the enemies of God to destroy each other. But let us be sorry for what we shall exactly see and finde true in this kinde, and endeavour an Union amongst our selves, and then this yeares danger is lessened.

There are also this yeare two *Solar* Eclipses, and they of long duration and great, though not visible in our Horizon; yet in a time of generall distemper, they will operate and adde fuell to the fire: The first is in the nineteenth degree of *Pisces*, near the Cuspe of the fifth house in the Revolution, where *Mercury* and *Cauda draconis* are placed: That may point out the continuance of our Domestique troublesome wars by the subtiltie, cunning and plotting of a woman, or women rather; Secretaries, flie knaves, witty and well spoken: *Magni prestantisque viri interritum, latrocinia, & rapinas terra marique promiscuas minitatur: Proclus*, it threatens the death or destruction of some eminent person, thefts, and pillaging in a promiscuous manner, as well by Sea as by Land. The second Eclipse is in *August*, in the ninth degree of *Virgo*: *Chlamisum regis alicujus exitum & stragem arguit; famem, pestem, & seditioes mortalium*: It argues a Tragicall end and discomfiture of some certain King, Prince, or great man; and Hunger, Famine, the Plague, sedition or suddain rising of men, with many miseries; I forbear to relate, cruelty, oppression, inhumanitie of the souldier, and that many Maritime Towns wilbe in great jeopardie, & sustain much damage, it points out many sea fights, the death or destruction of some Empresse, Queen, Princeesse, Noble-woman, or the like in our *European* part of the world. Both the Revolution it self, and the former Eclipse acquaint us, that some Embassadour or Embassadours, Agents, Commissioners, or the like from forraign parts will arrive here to negotiate an accommodation betwixt the King and Parliament, and in conclusion they may be discovered, or it will be doubted and mistrusted, they deal not so candidly as may or might be expected: And indeed, I finde this will be a yeer of discovery of friends from foes; as well at Court as in Common-wealth; a full discovery will be made of one eminent person at Court, and perhaps of

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another some where else, that is a stark knave or knaves to this poor Kingdom of England: Is not *Mercurie* Lord of the eleventh, and an assistant to His Majesty at Court in all His Privadoes: and is not he dissembler enough and traytor; besides that, hath his *significator* with *Cauda Draconis*. I cannot say this is the man, or these the very men, but I say the most mischievous of all, is such a man; one that hath formerly been, or is now employed as Agent, Negotiator, Commissioner, Secretary, or Embassadour, and is of stature pretty tall, of a swarty, fallow or sun-burnt complexion, a thin visage, and ill countenance, but of a deep and pestilent understanding, he is not fluent in his speech, but covetous and envious, &c. But sith *Mercurie* is with *Cauda Draconis*, and in double bodied sign, he may represent more then one, or many, one whereof may be a seeming Saint, though really an arch Atheist, one of high stature, big joynted, aged, and yet not much more or lesse then sixty, one of much outward sobriety and gravity, &c. It doth appear by the trine aspect which *Venus* and *Jupiter* and *Saturn* have to the *medium Caeli*, and the existence of the Moon in the tenth, that His Majesty of England, may expect in these His Affairs, the assistance of three or four Kings or States, or aid of men, Ammunition, and Money, from so many Countreys; But I finde not that those Forces shall opportunely serve His occasions, or much improve His undertakings; for let us consider both *Jupiter* and *Venus* are cadent, and neither of them so dignified, that is, so flush, as to spare such considerable supplies as may effect the thing intended: I shall speak more of this in the sequell. Do not I evidently see, and may not a moderate Astrologer perceive, that His Majesties own domestique servants shall betray Him at home, and His correspondents abroad deceive Him, and falsifie their promises: Is not *Mercurie* their *significator peregrine*, in detriment, and in no support of any planetary aspect. Every Prince or State that intermeddles in the action, will be full of fear and suspicion, that in assisting His Majesty, they may pluck an old house over their own heads, viz. They may unhappily give liberty, and provoke their own Subjects to rise in Arms against themselves for their just Priviledges: But the reason of this judgement is drawn from that *Apho. of Cardane in Seg. 2. 187. Conjunctionis locum revolutionem precedentis, quo in loco ab ascendente fuerit revolutionis anni considera, nam magna evenient juxta domus naturam.* Consider the place of the new Moon, preceding the Annuall Revolution, and also in what place of Heaven it is in from the ascendant, for great matters shall come to passe according to the nature of that house. The Conjunction preceding the Revolution, is in the degree neer *Mercurie*

in our Schem, and he was lord of the Regall house at time of the Conjunction : The Eclipse it self was partly in the seventh house, retarding it's effects the longer, that is, untill *May, June, and July* ; but will it end in *July* ? Oh no : then, &c.

The position of the Moon in the tenth house in Conjunction with *Cer Lewis*, doth assure us, that the greatest State actions of the Kingdom of *England*, and of all *Europe* this year, will be mannaged by a woman or women, or men of Feminine deportment and spirit, but as both *Venus* is peregrine and cadent, and the Moon is afflicted by *Mars*, out of the fourth house, and a sign fixed ; so either sicknesse, or some casuall accident, affright or amazement, or vengeance from Heaven, may prosecute her or them to their graves, and so cause them to finish their dayes in a miserable condition : These women are in part described, one of a haughy masculine spirit and courage, tall and fleshy, fat and fair, of flaxen hair, &c. this is presented by the Moon : The second signified by *Venus* in *Ariate*, should give the complexion to be brown and ruddy, somewhat obscure, because under the earth, of middle stature, excellent spirit and temper, crosse and wilfull, of a sad brown hair, sickly, because *Venus* is in detriment, and in six decaying in name and fame, because the Sun affords no aspect unto her, &c. The third should be signified by *Jupiter*, or her conditions at least, though he is masculine. A Lady of goodly proportion clouded in the world, for *Jupiter* is departing out of *Aries* into *Taurus*, where he hath little dignity, she is freckle-faced, and some blemish in one of her fore-teeth, or impediment in her breath, perhaps it stinks. But now again, I finde *Mars* is absolutely (*Dominus Anni*) the Moon doth participate, because of her strength and locall being in the tenth house. The sign of *Scorpio* represents our Parliamene in crosse, and the Moon, the severall Members of each House, and the whole Commonality of *England* as they now stand engaged : *Mars* and the Moon are in opposition, and in fixed signes : how much do I fear discord and division in *May, June, or July*. The opposition of these two Planets, doth fore-shew some such thing ; God grant no distractions may ever appear in those two Houses, or amongst the Honourable Members of either House : More might be said.

This year the Sun properly, and naturally, doth signifie His Majestie of *England*, and so *Soveraigntie, Royaltie, Monarches and Monarchies*, and in effect, all the Kings, or the principall Rulers of *Europe* ; for the sign ascending, being of long ascensions, we shall scarce finde any other ascendant, or culminating sign then what we have already in our own *Horizon*, though we reduce the Suns ingresse to almost any latitude in *Europe*. It is true,

trite, the Moon accidentally hath some signification of majestie. *Esse Regem a Sole, Saturno, & Planeta existente in decima. Hermes, Apho. xxij.* Take the signification of Kings or Princes from the Sun, Saturn, and the planet casually posited in the tenth house. Yet *Mars* is absolutely strongest for all the year, some moneths excepted, words of some concernment, if rightly apprehended, else not to be expounded. But let us make use of our scheme, and collect the judgement of our Authors, *Aspicies si decima domus fuerit Leo, & utrum tunc Mars aspicit Solem vel decimam, vel si fuerint Sol & Mars corporaliter juncti, tunc inquit timetur interfectio Regis sive Principis cujusdam illo in anno, & si vis scire unde, vide in qua domo Mars est, & ab illa domo est causa sceleris.* See if the tenth house be the sign of *Leo*, and if *Mars* behold either the house, or be in conjunction with the Sun, if such a thing or aspect happen, it may be doubted a King or certain potent Prince will be in danger of killing that year; if you will know from whom, the Authour would be large, but dares not: see in what house *Mars* is, and require the cause from thence, &c. *Mars* is now in the fourth, *Accidet ergo hac illi ab aliquo qui veniet extra terram, viz.* This mischief shall chance to the King, or Prince, or great person, from one born in another Countrey: A good Caveat to Princes to entrust no forraigners with the safeguard of their persons and bodies, the judgement would stretch further, That they arm no forraign born Prince, for fear of deceit and treachery: *Accidit in puncto quod non speratur in anno:* A mischief soon happens, when it's effected, no body is willing to own the perpetration. The judgement is not improbable, nor what follows immediately, grounded upon great reason in Art, because the Sun is going to the conjunction of Saturn; *Accidet regi cuidam angustia timebiturque ne----- Rex illo in anno;* Extream grief of minde shall infinitely oppress a Prince this year, and it may be doubted some mischief may befall the said Prince. He that knows how to apply the rules of Art to judgement, may frame a shreud supposition, let him consider what Saturn is naturally, what house he is Lord of, and in what house he is posited. The truth is, either a Lady, Embassadour, or great Commander shall wonderfully torment some *European* Prince; or with their Counsels united, shall bring abundance of reluctancy to some person of Regall descent: Some ill news may come to those Princes that have children, concerning either the death, sicknesse, or some dire accident to one or more of them; the same that I say to Kings, Princes, or Dukes, I say to Earls and other great Gentlemen, in a time of generall infelicity, what eyes hath the bullet of a Musket or Cannon, or the edge of a cutting sharp sword. I must ingeniously con-

Guido, fol.
321.

fesse the positure of Heaven is a verse to Monarchy, nor doth it flatter the Commonalty : both shall suffer and smart : A happy peace were much to be desired, for si *Mars in revolutione Anni in Angulo fuerit & aspexerit ascendens, significat sanguinem, & gravium, & in omni terra in cuius signo fuerit ejus lumen, vel oppositio vel quartus aspectus* : If *Mars* in the revolution of a yeer be in an angle, he signifies bloodshed, and to purpose, and in every Countrey, to which he casteth his quadrate or opposite aspect, or to the Countrey subject to the sign he possesseth at that moment of the revolution. If this prove true, my judgement must fail, if *Italy* this yeer be not in some broyls, *Valachia magna, Moscovia, Transilvania, Swethland, Westphalia, Bavaria, Piemont*, some Countreys that lie neer the *Alpes, Apulia, Gallia togata*, some part of *Greece and Turkie, Polonia magna, Lorraine*, a great part of *Germany, Ireland*, although *Jupiter* passe through *Taurus* ; *France* will hardly be excused, or *Denmark* stand for a cypher. A proper goodly Noble-man of red, or flaxen hair, will vex or disturb the North or North-west or West of *Scotland*, and perhaps some others the South. But those active gallants must beware : I meddle not with *Portingall*, whose King I much honour ; he's like to keep what he hath : Nor with some Cities of *Holland and Zealand*, who may perhaps have cause to murmur ere the Sun again returna to *Aries*, 1645. I write cordially, I will flatter no Nation or people : what art informs I must write ; I say there will be fraction and faction, not onely and altogether at, or in the Courts of Princes, but in their Countreys and Dominions, amongst their Subjects and meaner people : *Rome and Venice* look to it carefully, is there no treason hatching against you, no private counsell to plunge both Cities in war, either this Pope *Barbarine*, or some magnificent Clergy-man will be in danger of death this yeer ; why not made away in a tumult or strangled. Let not the *Aurangian* Family think it self excluded this yeer, from perturbation, mistrust, jealousy ; if from further mischief. *Catalonia and Norway* are subject to *Scorpio, ergo, &c.* Si *Mars fuerit corporaliter junctus Saturno* (as the last day of *May* you may finde them) significat diminutionem status divitum ac magnatum & male se habebunt invicem cives illius Regionis, & pauca erit inter eos pietas & misericordia. When in a yeer you finde *Mars* corporally joyned to *Saturn*, the wealth of the Nobility and of great persons is extreemly impoverished, the Citizens generally of that Region have much adoe, small is the charity or mercy which men use one towards another : Si *Mars sit junctus Saturno, significat bellum & effusionem sanguinis, & multitudinem februm, & etiam quartanas febres, & pestilencias in partibus orientabilibus & significat juvenes & quod cadat*.

Guido, fol.
322.

Guido, fol.
323.

adet inter divites & magnates Guerra atque mutua interfectio ex ferro. If Mars be joynted to Saturn, he premonisheth of Wars to ensue, and the effusion of Christian blood, many violent Feavers of all kindes, quartan Agues, pestilence in the East-parts, and that the Nobility and great men or Gentry shall fall at division amongst themselves, and one kill or destroy another: When could these rules have been more aptly applied, then in these distempered times; the cause or provocation which now incites to kill, was formerly in a time of peace concluded in wrangling words, in this sence understand me.

Mars in revolutione in signo aërio significat injurias, so saith *Messabalah, lib. 1. cap. 45.* Mars in the revolution of a yeer in an airy sign, fore-shews injury, oppression, and tyranny: which is confirmed by *Hispalensis, Mars in signo humana figura erunt bella, sanguinis effusiones, mortes ense vel igne;* Mars as now posited, doth portend shedding of blood by sword and fire, &c. The reason hereof I conceive to be, because airy signs produce words and winde, which usually provoke men to further quarrell. There are some conceive, and that rationally, that *Saturnus* being Lord of the third and combust, doth stir up a multitude of theeves and high-way robbers. *Intrabit districtio & Angustia super nobiles;* Distresse, sorrow, *Guido, fol. 555.* and anguish of minde shall terrifie the Nobility and Gentry of this and other Kingdoms. So many Axiomes and Aphorismes of the learned against the Gentry and Nobility, doth seem exceedingly to stir up many afflictions unto them in their estates, fortunes and persons; Caution is good; we can never be too wise, especially in a troublesome time. Be things as they may, *Si Saturnus fuerit in quinta, significat abortivos illo in anno plus solito, & detrimentum filiorum, & contentiones cum legatis, & nuntiis, & quod ipsi non bene perficient quod sua interest.* Guido. Fol. 562.

Saturn in the fifth house causeth more abortives then usually have been, the destructions of many mens sons or children, much tergiversation with Embassadours and forraigne Agents, and that they performe not what may be expected from them: Let our State see to this if any Embassadours come over unto us this yeer, and let people be carefull of their children, and midwives of women in travell. The more I behold the Heavens, the greater mischief do I fear; but knowing God can in a moment reconcile us, I am more sparing in Art; yet let none take it ill I predict what I do upon the positive rules of Art thereof. But sith *Saturnus* and *Mars* come the first time to a meeting since the ninth lesser Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, 1643, now in this present yeer, and in the sixth house of Heaven, here may be some especiall notice taken of it, for according to the immediate action depending on this little or lesser

* This Con-
junction is
the last day of
May.

* Conjunction, you shall, I say, see wonderfull alterations to succeed; Some would imagine, because it falls in the sixth house, that it should signifie extreme sicknesses, much destruction to mankind, by the plague, &c. without good consideration, it may puzzle an easie judgement: my opinion is thus, that as both *Jupiter* and *Venus in figura Mundi* were by place in the sixth house, so their benevolent presence may and will diminish the malicious influence of the two infortunes, especially if that Aphorism be true, *Quicquid ligat Saturnus, solvit Jupiter; quicquid ligat Mars, solvit Venus*: *Jupiter* cures where *Saturn* hurts, and *Venus* where *Mars*; and this is true in any magicall naturall conclusion.

Alman, prop.
36.

The Conjun-
ction of these
two Planets,
doth cause
sudden
storms, hail,
thunder, tem-
pests, &c.

Its true, the Conjunction succeeds the Worlds figure, and yet I conceive it shall produce no such plague or fearfull diseases as some have dreamed; it may produce great weaknesse in peoples sights; the head-ache more then ordinary, and stoppings at the brest, and much slimy fleagme in the throat, but that it should shew a sickness, I mean a plague generally, I cannot fore-see: for *Mars* being in his own house, hath great dominion of *Saturn*, and if we beleve *Almanfor proposit. 7^o. Quando dua conjunguntur infortuna, sit ex eis fortuna perfecta*. The Conjunction of the two infortunes, becomes a fortune. It must be warily understood, some evil they will do, but not so much as otherwayes they would, had neither of them been well dignified. But because *Aries* is a beastiall sign, and the Conjunction is in the sixth House, I conceive it imports much stirring and preparation to Action in a Military way; and causeth the Souldier to desire fight and service, and for that *Mars* is lord of the ascendant in *figura Mundi*, and *Saturn* of the fourth, which signifieth Towns, Castles, Forts, &c. near upon the time of the Conjunction, or in *June*. A Town will be taken by those that had *Mars* their significators in the worlds figure, viz. by the Parliament Forces, &c. It tells us of detriment, hinderance, losse, consumption, and destruction of four-footed beasts, both greater and smaller, and especially of those are most usefull for man, as the Ox, the Horse, Cow, Ass, the Hog, Sheep, Deer, Conny, &c. It threatens mens servants, male and female, young and old. By which it appears how great losse and dammage the industrious Countrey-Farmer and Husbandman shall sustain, by loosing, and the taking away of such Goods and servants as are most usefull for him. But shall the Countrey-Farmer, or day-labourer, loose all, it is said by some, that *Jupiter* in *Ariete*, &c. threatens and points out Nobles, Judges, Lawyers, Gentlemen, Bishops, Deans, Clergy-men in generall, Doctors, Proctors, Attorneys, Physicians, Surgeons, some Commanders in chief, of all sorts of men, and Citizens some, or many of every kinde shall participate in this generall losse, either in their persons or fortunes,

fortunes, and of this let every Reader be sure, &c. In many parts of this Kingdom it shall come to passe, one neighbour shall be very careful to preserve somewhat for another, but it shall so fall out; he that indeavours preservation for his neighbour, shall in the mean time run the hazard of loosing his own, so much oppression and inhumanity shall in probability fall upon us this year. *Video paucitatem substantiarum & curiositatis inter magnates*; I judge the Nobility and Gentry shall not be so flush of mony, as to buy bables and trifles: the pressing Calamities of this yeer may be so extreme, God grant them money to furnish themselves with bread and necessary conveniences: Let *Punctillo's* alone. These Arabick conclusions may this yeer be well verified, the times considered; for sith all the Angles are fixed, and the Moon and *Mars* strong in Angles, the *chela* in the ascendant, and *Cor Leonis* in the tenth, the Sun impedit of *Saturnus*; *Jupiter* and *Venus* weak and cadent; I see no probability of concluding any peace this yeer; for if *Mars* who represents the Parliament, and *Sol* who represents His Majestie, had been in any friendly or unfriendly aspect, somewhat might have been expected, that of themselves they might have come to a reconciliation, but no aspect betwixt them, in humane and naturall knowledge, no peace; unlesse by mediation of Embassadours, which yet I doubt, for *Jupiter* and *Venus* representing them, are in a sickly house. *Ergo*, the like successe. I am of opinion there will be strong action and war all this whole yeer, and that there will be fighting enough, and too much. *Let me be pardoned: feci: I assure you there's a mystery, Who is he can tell it?* But Astrologers use to say, when *Mars* is in the fourth house, and in a house of *Saturnus*, *Significat exspoliacionem mortuorum positorum in sepulchris & suffocacionem parietum & ablationem aliarum rerum per modum latrocinii; significat exercitium hominum in lucrando & extorquendo pecuniam undecunque poterunt per modum dominationis non licite, per falsas attestaciones, & per verba malitiosa, & patientur homines pericula & tribulationes. viz.* We may justly fear in this ensuaing yeer, the robbing, spoiling, and defacing of the sepulchres or monuments of the deceased, the underminning and breaking, or demolishing of stone wals, and buildings, the unruly taking away of other mens Goods by way of filching, theevery and skirking, we also foresee a kinde of trade amongst men in getting and extorting monies by hook and by crook, after a domineering fashion, or commanding way, altogether illegall, by false informations, and suggestion of evil words, by which means men shall suffer infinite dammage, tribulation, and other personall afflictions, &c. If *Mars* be in the fourth house, much death follows by sword and sicknesse, and these beginnings may be or begin in the north
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Guido, fol.
565.Guido, fol.
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Guido, fol.
573.

and end in the South; & hoc crede mihi est valde timendum. Nor shall the South West, and West escape without plenty of bloodshed, poverty, and plundering, &c. *Crede. Si Mars fuerit in Aquaro* (as he now is) *significat gravitates atq; tribulationes venturas hominibus, & abundabunt nives & pluvie, & frigus in suo tempore, sive suis temporibus & minuetur Annona & vinum atq; butyrum in partibus occidentalibus, & in terra qua dicitur negotiatorum, & significat mortem sive mutationem regis sive dominatoris illius regionis in qua tu revolveris annum.* If Mars be in *Aquarius*, he portends grievous afflictions & tribulations shal come upon men, & that snow, rain and cold shall abound in their seasons, there shall be great scarcity of provision for man and beast, as also of butter & the like in those Westerne parts from whence it was formerly transported by the Merchant; either the death of the King of that Countrey where you set that revolution is to be feared, or some mutation, of principall Governour; we have now many severall Governours, let there be a change of twenty, so that God blesse our Sovereign *Charles King of England*; which I hope he will, & indeed the Arabians, whose words these are, had in every their severall Countreies a petty King, so that the words might almost annually be fulfilled amongst them, or once in three years; but I see not how it can have relation to our Kings of *Europe* in the strictnes of the letter: it may threaten some casualty in my opinion, or some sudden amasement or fright to some European King, Prince, or the like, &c. There will be a sensible alteration in many mens estates by reason of their children; let it be understood rightly, and the Sun shall not the second time run into or thorough *Aries* ere children and kindred act their parts, and that to purpose, &c. and in truth the Sun in the fifth impeded of *Saturne* sheweth this. I must now fall upon a necessary people signified to the world by *Mercury*, who represents Secretaries, Scribes and Clerkes of all sorts (& a consiliis regnum) as also Messengers, Agents, Trumpeters, but above all *Accomptants*. *Treasurers, Receivers* of money publike and private, but whether any of these be really honest, I matter not; there are many of these shall receive this year a just sentence for their cozening, cheating, and corrupt accounts, and for shirking the Common-wealth and State. Above all observe that *Mercury* is in the house of *Jupiter*, this tels me a spade is a spade, viz. that the *greatest Professour makes not alwayes the truest accounts: Me thinks I see them in *July, August, September, and October* quake, and pray that God might send some Angell to take their accounts. Let me prophetically tell these Accomptants, our State will narrowly sift out their knavery, though most cunningly under the vaile of Religion they would shuffle off all calling to question, untill doomes day: As long as ye live trust none

* This I mean of those that under pretence of Religion, get fat placés, but have no honesty to use them, whereby the State suffers.

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of those that prolong time: *Lacet anguis in herba*: I love the honest man but hate the knave. Had not the Starres given me tongue and judgement, I had been silent. But as it may fall out here, so will it with his Majesty at Court (viz.) he shall finde infinite failings in those he securely reposeth confidence in; *mutatis mutandis*. *Altercationes verborum toto hoc anno inter homines plus solito.* More words jangling and wrangling then matter all this whole yeare, but to little purpose, unless to prolong our disturbances, which as yet are not come to their height.

But let us come neerer home, and I hope without offence, seeing I finde the Moone in the tenth house neare Conjunction of the noble Star *Basiliscus* in Tryne to *Jupiter* and *Venus*, I do collect Astrologically that our Sovereigne by himselfe his agents or Embassadors shall obtaine assistance and supply from some Countreys lying Eastward and Southward, and also from other parts, I meane, beyond the Sea: But if my judgement be not muddy, * *Mars* who represents The Parliaments Souldiers &c. *their Officers*, Sea-men, Ships, &c. being in opposition to the Moone, who represents the ships that shall transport that assistance, I say its probable, the Ships or Souldiers belonging to the Common-wealth viz. or our Parliament shall meet with part of the Ammunition, men, and money, at severall times and either sinke or take them; perhaps ship-wrack may cast away some, &c.

Guido.

* Some say that the valiant Swallow hath effected part of this upon the Irish.

Questionless, because *Jupiter* and *Venus* do both behold the Moon in the tenth house, and the Mid-heaven it selfe; Divers States, Kings, or Princes and Princesses (because of the Moone in the tenth) living East and South from London will endeavour to assist his Majesty all they can. But all their signifiers the Moone excepted are ill placed, whereby it may be knowne some would, but cannot; others will casually finde impediment, so that few will performe so much assistance as is, and will be requisite for the enterprize in hand; and yet he will have some aide come, for the Moone will performe it.

Here's much matter to be performed this yeare, its no sleepeie or drowisie time; *Cum Luna in nocte fuerit in decima, significat effectum rerum ex parte regis Guido sel. 388.* *mulierum, & erit hoc cito, sed res in utrisq; temporibus non erit durabilis.* When the Moone by night is in the tenth house, Kings shall have their desires performed by the sollicitation of women, and that suddenly, but what they act either by day or night, shall be of no continuance; From which it may be collected, that the Queens or great Ladies of Europe shall mannage the most materiall affaires of this yeare, and lend or send support to those whom they thinke are wanting thereof. But as the mindes of men are variable, I feare many shall finde the Resolutions of great Ladies this yeare more mutable.

What shall I say, its probable that in *June*, *July*, or *August*, men, ammuniti- on, or money may seasonably come and be welcome to his Majesty that many times before will want it, but then more especially will have occasion to use it; yet it may be doubted our active Sea-men will in the latter end of *July* or *August* play pranks at Sea, and unload those ships they never fraughted: upon the

Southwest Coasts, and North-west parts of England. Every planet hath some signification in one kinde or other, so hath the Dragons head and taile, though they are no planets but Nodes. *Caput in Virgine, destructionem messium & ceterarum frugum, & paucitatem omnium rerum quæ metuntur, & casum verminum in arboribus, & destructionem eorum quæ remanserint à prima destructione, etiam postquam fuerint reposita in locis in quibus credentur saluari siue custodiri.* Caput in an annuall revolution in Virgine tels us. of the destruction of our harvest and other fruits, and much scarcitie of such commodities as are sold by measure; that Vermine and Caterpillers shall consume our fruit, and abound on the trees, and what the Caterpillar leaves at one time, another sort of destructive creature will spoile at another: as also the losse, spoiling and wast of that corne, fruit or other graine which men have stored up in such places as formerly gave safety to their Commodities; so that little securitie is likely to be in our Chambers for household-stuffe or goods, as little in our barnes for our corn, and the like uncertainty in our Store-houses for necessary provision, or in our ware-houses for fruit and other Commodities. *Cauda draconis* saith, the souldier shall extend his power and rule over his Prince or Commander, and that many gallant and brave fellows called Gentlemen and Noblemen will shift their habitations and dwellings to avoide the sentence and punishment due unto them for offences committed, and especially for feare of imprisonment, which they extremely desire to avoide: there will also be much babling, many provocations and words to stirre up new Sects and Ceremonies in Religion, so that it seemes here will be worke enough, generally *Cauda draconis* in the list, *Tristabuntur homines causa filiorum, & quod portabunt homines sua vestimenta vetera.* Guido, fol. 525. Men shall be extremely perplexed for losse of their sons and children, and many men shall be so put to it, they will be inforced to runne away with old clothes; Let me not live if Guido was not in this a very Prophet, for omitting the impoverishment of many by the Souldier, very many besides by reason of intinise taxes and pressures have made no new Clothes a long time, if it happen these to run, they must necessarily trudge with old clothes. *Bella excitat Mars si fuerit in Revolutione anni in Angulo figura, Cæli quocumq, Leopoldus, lib. 5 de Revs.* Mars in any Angle in *figura Mundi*, or yeares Revolution, excites mens mindes to war and contention; you must understand, if in a time of peace he be so posited, he provokes men to much law suit, the Nobility to private Duels, the Gentry to envie and siding one against another: the Countrey Farmer to many unjust molestations, one towne against another: For as raine in Summer though it descend in good quantity, doth not then by reason of the driness of the ground, presently cause a Flood; so neither in a peaceable time doth Mars operate more then I have said, but now in an outrageous time and of warre it selfe, we must take the words literally; But if the same Authour speake truth, *Victor erit, &c.* He shall be Victor or overcome, who, &c. *Si Saturnus fuerit vel in quadrato, op-*

positione vel conjunctione Solis, Regibus significat damna & infirmitates quæ Reads over
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twice, or
thrice, and
if thou halt
any eyes,
thou mayest
find the nat-
ivity.
accident in hominibus & in substantiis eorum, sed si Mars fuerit in quarto &
humano signo, accidet in hominibus effusiones multi sanguinis & litium, & bel-
lorum, & erit generale, & erit fortius in fine anni. *Haly, 362. fol.* If *Saturne*
be either in Conjunction, square or opposition of the Sun, he demonstrates much
sufferings unto Kings or great Princes in their fortune and worldly estate, but if
Mars be in the fourth, and in a humane signe, there will happen to men much
slaughter, many warres and controversies, and these calamities or misfortunes
shall be generall, and most forcible towards the latter end of the yeare. What
Part of *England* this present sixth of *January, 1644.* is free or cleare from one
oppression or other, ere the latter end of the yeare, my heart trembles to thinke
what shall happen in the West parts of this Kingdome; for as *Mars* in *Geminis*
the last yeare afflicted that Country and Confinnes, so doe I much more feare him
this yeare by reason of his posture in *Aquarius*, so that I doubt he may oppresse
their maritime or Sea-Townes to purpose, the fruits of their fertile grounds and
pleasant meadows, the Souldier will devoure and consume: Their stately houses
and principall Palaces, fire, warre and the Canon may expoliare, &c. Let us
looke to *Dunkirke*, and its to us selfe: yet let us not fright those *English* coasts
that lye towards the coasts of *Normandy*: Let the Blockhouses in *Kent* be well
looked unto. Its not probable any Army shall enter to plunder the East and
South-East parts of this Kingdome, viz. *Norfolke, Suffolke, Cambridgeshire,*
Essex, or Kent, Surrey or Sussex, though at severall times such a thing may be
endeavoured. viz. Those countyes beyond *Trent* where the Elevation of the Pole
is more then 54. are like to be the Tennis-ball of fortune, harbouring both friends
and enemies at one time, yet at length, if division hinder not, the Chemy is beaten
into a narrow compasse. *August* will informe you more, *September* and *Octo-*
ber very much, *June* and *July* will have plentifull action, &c. If no Authours
had charactered this yeare for such a blacke one, my own experience, though but
small, would have made me doubt some terrible fate to be neer approaching. For
upon perusal of many of my friends Nativities, and upon examination of their
Hylegiacall places, I have found most of their significators to have uncomforta-
ble Promittors in one kind or other, intimating either danger, death, or destructi-
on to their persons, or dammage to their estates and fortunes, all which could not
be, if we did not already, and must further suffer under the generall fate now im-
pending over *England*.

And indeed our sufferings are more sharp and terrible by reason the ascendant
of this years revolution is neare the degree of the Comet in 1618. whose opera-
tion is now strongly in full force over all *England*, and is wandering towards the
more *Northerne Climates*, viz. *Scotland, Denmarke, Sweden, Polonia, Russia,*
&c. but because in my *Astrologically Discourse* of the effects of that conjunction
of *Saturne* and *Jupiter* 1643, I am copious, I forbear further mention. The as-

cendant of this yeares revolution is the signe culminating at time of that conjunction; it is also the ascendant when *Saturne* and *Mars* meet 31. *May*: by all which we are forewarned in the heavenly language, how great, how many, how terrible and variable the acts and warres of this yeare shall be: But shall we only suffer, or have the sword onely drawne in our Kingdome? Oh *Germanie*, *Germanie*, looke to thy selfe and confines, neighbours and friends in *July*, *August*, or *September*. Be not too confident thou populous *France*, somewhat is neare thee, &c. *Spain* tremble, yet halfe an age, thou hast many enemies; few are thy friends, ten moneths hence; *Transylvania* will rise and *Hungaria* fight. The *Polonian* may goe neare to spoile his quiet and happinesse, &c.

But many will wonder I am so extravagant, or why this yeare speake so much of warre. I find *Mars* is Lord of the yeare, *Ergo ex intemperato Martis ardore, ac rubrilis cui praeest, vehementi commotione in animis hominum excitantur intemperata scilicet commotiones, quas in composita quoq; actiones, violentia, atq; inconsiderati sequuntur affectus, unde ira, temeritas, &c.* and all those doubts and feares which so much oppresse us, and terrifie the fancies of people at this time, so that we cannot believe one another, be the matter projected never so reall. The North-west parts and North-East quarters of this kingdome shall infinitely suffer by our combustions this yeare; in those Countries and in the West, there may be many a fight. But if I understand the Scituation of *England* aright, the most eminent and materiall grand action or fight may happen not much above 20. miles from *Coventry*, and yet I confesse ther's probability that neare to the City of *Bath* in the West of *England*, there may be a mortall combate and a pitch field fought, greatly to the disadvantage of the looser: there's also many other Towns in the West, where and neare unto which places there will be some hot and memorable service. He that carries the day in the first fight, and prosecutes the victorie wisely in the second fight, he I say may say and sing, *Altum est*; for he may obtaine a Lawrell Garland, &c.

Monethly Observations.

Let us heedfully observe what followeth after the conjunction of the Sunne and *Saturne* the 20th of March.

Sir *Iohn Meldram* at *Newarke* upon *Trent*, upon the 21, had his defeate; The 25. the honourable Sir *William Waller* and Sir *William Balfore*, that resolute brave man, beate the *Hoptonians*.

Observe the Conjunction of the Sunne and *Jupiter* the 17. of April, and the actions of the 23, 25, 26. April.

Her Majesty went from *Oxford* towards *Bristol* or *Excester* the same day; and that day newes came to *London* of the Parliaments forces their victorie at *Selby*; about the 25. of April: Sir *Iohn Gell* beate *Goring* in *Derbshire*. About the 20. day the *Scottish* Armie and the Lord *Fairfax* that brave Lord met.

If our Armies be neare there will be blowes, or some rascall Irish will land ro

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fight for his Majestie, and the Protestant cause : Some Popish assistance of men, ammunition or mony may come by sea for his Majesty, &c. Irish keepe at home; unlesse you can swallow a Cannon or wade over the Sea.

I am informed certainly that divers *Irish* have landed this month, whether any ammunition have come, I have not heard, or whether such a destinie follow the *Irish*, time will manifest.

In *May* we have various newes, some good, some bad, report that a great woman is dead : about the middle some overtures, or propositions for peace, or Embassadours, &c. Observe who is in danger the latter end of *May* upon the conjunction of *Saturne* and *Mars* 31. at what time our Armies will be neare the enemy and they us ; let the Parliaments Armie take heed of treacherie, mutinie and false information of some Country peasant : Ladies begin to be fearefull after the square of *Saturne* and *Venus*, the sextill of *Sol* and *Saturne*, some great person goes to looke after his wife. I feare there will be many skirmishes this moneth towards the latter end thereof; let us not be terrified with the first newes, the second may proove better : Oh division and distraction ! Some are good for nothing else : Gentlemen and Nobles shift your habitations.

June begins with sad newes to some body and broken heads : 4th day an opposition of the Moone to *Saturne* and *Mars*, and the quadrature of *Saturne* and *Mercurie*, will prove unluckie, opening the way to much mischief, fighting and action ; some accomptants or publicke Receivers would faine shuffle and protract time, and it brings newes out from the North not very good; presently after comfortable newes. A King looseth a friend, presently after another State have a losse; some treacherous men or letters are taken or discovered : Some Ammunition or men comming for *England* may be met with ; perhaps feare of a plot : God blesse the *London* Army ; more aide comes : the latter part of *June* hath action where Armies are neare ; Some Army may move Southward, and a generall or principall Commander is either taken prisoner, or in danger, if his horse trot not or be slaine.

The first weeke in *July* may prove bloodie enough, and fatall to some great Officer ; some more *Irish* will be jogging for *England* : A great person fals sick, &c. What comes from the East, and who moves Eastward. Many flying reports of some skirmishing at sea, and abundance of lying newes in *London*. Some mislives, or thoughts or talke of peace, *July* 26. ther's a conjunction of *Jupiter* and *Mars*, neare the degree of the 8. house of the figure of the world *. The *Irish* may curse their comming : some Agent or Embassadours for treatie. Sudden Commotions, mutinies, and many brave Gallants slaine as well nobles as others : Judges Gentlemen and Lawyers have ill successe: the precedent conjunction foretels a battell or fight ; God prevent it : if private division hurt not all is well : the Sextill of the *Sunne* and *Jupiter* promisseth assistance from *Ireland* ; and it is the tryne of *Jupiter* and *Venus* that moves for some treatie, either by Embassadours.

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or others. Strange newes from forraigne parts, and yet it comforts many, 21.
 It is stationary, what course shall I take, thinke some Grande and Grandees.

August.

The beginning of *August* is full of frights, feares, fights and amazements, many shift for themselves, and many a man looſeth his life, a time bloody enough, they now may meet that have not a great while; *Saturne* is Retrograde, *Planeta Retrogradus est, ut vir infirmus, stupefactus, sollicitus, Bethem. Aph. 2.* A Retrograde planet is like a man infirm, amazed, carefull; our English Proverb expresseth the words excellently. *A man as it were frighted out of his wits*: Some body grows worse and worse, now some get Townes, Castles and forts, others doe looſe whole Countries. 12th day, *Jupiter* enters *Gemini*, and the 12th day, the *Sun* and *Jupiter* meet by quadrate; as the one shewes good to the City of *London* in my judgement, so the other aspect either captives or kills some Commander. Some Clergy man vexed or censured or heretiques crossed and disturbed. *A galloping nagge is better then no horse at all.* 17. day *Venus* she is Retrograde, this Retrogradation is a thing against nature, some great Ladie mistrusts her health and safety: an opportune time to question money-receivers; good newes is welcome: the barbarous *Irish* may smart: Eclipse of the *Sun* the 21th day. After that some curvy newes, or a turbulent giddy time. Some young Commanders must either die or be taken: I wish unitie in the City ever. 31. *Aug.* a square of *Mars* and the *Sun*; the Moone carries the light to *Saturne*: Now motion in the West: A man or a Mouse: more blowes, and Townes surrendered. A fight is likely to be neare some Citie or Towne. God blesse Kings and Princes, Generals of Armies; we may heare some ill newes or messages, who is in danger latter end of *August* or *September*.

September

September: comfortable newes and letters, who? angry at that 8th day, *Jupiter* becomes Retrograde, Nobles and Gentlemen, some Clergie-men, Lawyers and Gentlemen disperse themselves, and would have mountaines cover them, they find out new places or habitations; we heare some bodie dies or flies; some manner of sickness breakes out (not much of the plague) a kind of unknowne disease lying in the head, eyes, and stomach or breast, women are still crost and vext: there's opposition of *Saturne* and *Mercurie* 14. day: some prisoners taken, and private skulking spies discovered: an envious information, false, and untrue, against a great Souldier: wee feare without cause: let us not provoke; hang up those that make dissention. This moneth and the next will shew whom God loves; Oh villanous vipers, that would destroy *England* with Gallileans: receive your reward: 3 or 4 of these yea before *December*; yea one great one. A fatall blow is given either the latter end of this or beginning of the next moneth: much damage to the Country. Farmer in his cattle, corne and commoditie: the Plunderers rove up and downe: if they be questioned (I mean) the publike and private Receivers, they will be found guiltie; be sure to looke to the old; goe to the root, feare not: fastness in Clarkes and Secretaries, some private letters opened: an

old knave and a fox is found out. The month shews much stirring and action, fighting enough, if no set field. Where fights are, men loose their lives, some shipwracke or strange gales of wind : opposition of *Sunne* and *Saturne*, some wicked designe against *England* : strange weather, all in extreames : and more losse to the Farmer in the West : *Venus* is direct ; and *Mars* enters *Cancer* about 27. day : A good gale of wind, and God blesse us, Kings and Queens, must be vexed.

The first full Moone in October opens the passage to the last grand opposition of *Sol* and *Saturne* : that produceth the surrender of a Towne, else firing it, The opposition is in *Aries* and *Libra*, may not *France* have a blow, and the Emperour a bang? Our misery continues : without Gods mercies, our sorrowes increase ; our men fight ; some private dissention : one great Officer and many others questioned called to account, and some unjustly scandalized, the Devill was and is a great lyer : hee must be carefull that hath many enemies. I love no red foxes, friend remember thou art falling and failing : is it not possible for our friends to have a victory this moneth : if the Sea men desire purchase, see Northward : Mercury brings ten thousand lyes to *London* this moneth : Good Sir our Navy is not in such danger : let us all beware of a *Malecontent*, let traitors be executed : Are the *Welch* mad : I hope no division in *Scotland* or betwixt us : Let us love, we live ; disjoint, both are undone. 8. day *Jupiter* he enters *Taurus* by Retrogradation ; the *Irish* mutter, and perhaps are frightened : the tryne of *Jupiter* and *Venus* seeme to intend some hopes of accommodation, if not exchange of prisoners : We may feare an *Heriano* about 27. or 28. *Oslo*. A new Moone in *Oslo*. may endanger some peoples lives at sea, and do mischief at land, *Tempus periculosum* : will not the actions of this. new Moone be fatall, it should ; it's in the degree ascendant in the yeare, 29. *Mars* is running madd and must be Retrograde ; thieves and high-way men good store ; and men run from one place to another : Do no Plunderkins breake into *Scotland*, friends ever feare the worst.

I like not *November*, what strange weather here is : and yet we cannot be at rest : here's probability that many great persons shall suffer, but whether death or losse of limmes and goods, God onely knowes : Men are called to account, Justice must now be done, and rich or poore must answer at the barre of Justice : some may loose their heads upon opposition of *Sol* and *Jupiter* : more great officers questioned, valiant Sea men be not too desperate, get neare to some safe harbour, the winds rise. The 3. weeke in *November* many now sent to prison for active knaveries, A pack of knaves discovered, and some very private letters : but we must not know them : One *Herona* will with malancholy and fretting go neare to ascend to heaven, if possible : how ever shee will be crossed to purpose, by a female contradicent : 23. *Novemb.* or thereabouts. The many aspects of the Planets and they ill, shew some extreame treason, treachery or the like, and some sea towne obtained or surrendered by fallensse : many blowes where parties are neare, and many men drowned : One man impeaches an other, every receiver now makes us beleeve he will be hopest.

October.

November.

God.

December. God be mercifull unto us this moneth : various matter appears, capitall of-
fences, capitall punishment, or Capitanean upon the opposition of *Mars* and the
Sunne; aboundance of ill weather, and some person or other, souldier or great
man may breake his thigh, or his right arme : perhaps his neck, a troubler of *Eng-
land*. Many *Mercurian* Scribes and money Receivers may be still found out
and punished; here's old fashing by fits. --- The Camp officers questioned, some
can steale horses. A lawyer pleades his owne cause : so a divine, neither of
them to any purpose : some memorable accidents this moneth fatally unlucky;
but whether here or beyond Sea. The yeare ends not our troubles without Gods
great mercie. Will there not be much sea fighting this yeare? Who may run a-
way in *September* or *October*? What man or City is frighted in *December*? ---
Neare to the times limited by me will the most memorable accidents of this
yeare happen, almost a miraculous accident, greater then hath happed this many
a yeare, will either happen in the end of this or beginning of the next. I have
been sparing to write any thing of the West of *England*, the unluckie surrender
of *Bristol* having prolonged our troubles : but as it was unfortunately lost, so
it may as opportunely be recovered by a more noble hand : Nor doe I meddle
with a principall City or Town that will be in danger of firing; or with some o-
thers to be besieged, taken and plundered : I pretermit many judgements which
might have set out this discourse, I conclude the whole in few words.

A troubled and divided Court : An afflicted Kingdome.

A City neare a great plague, yet doe I not find out this to be a yeare of
much plague in *London*; there are many Cities and Townes may preceede us in
this misfortune, We hasten and make easie passage. I leave, for I must not.

France may find work at home : an opportunity is expected.

Scotland must scuffle, matters are not ripe. *Spaine* and the noble *Austrian*
Family are sinking, but not totally. The united Provinces had need of good
advise, &c. *Italy* will have much a doe to make up breaches. The *Hungarians*
and *Transylvanians* will rise in Armes. *Poland* may feare, and expect the
Tartar. *Russia Wologda* will be engaged. The *Swede* will have both hands
full. *Denmarke*; it seemes may remember *Tychos* prediction. *Ireland* will
fall into discontent : and *Wales* will unwillingly be drawne to farther service.
Poore *Wales*.

This is all I have thought fit to commit to print, for this yeare, 1644. here's
lesse then I could have delivered, more I durst not, the key is easily found by the
judicious : it's no more mine but the worlds, to which I commit it, whose gentle
acceptance and courteous entertainment if this discourse shall happily find, it will
encourage and invite me to do my best in the like nature for the succeeding yeare,
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